

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE
PLEASANT PRAIRIE VILLAGE BOARD
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WATER UTILITY
9915 39th Avenue
Pleasant Prairie, WI
November 15, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

A Regular Meeting of the Pleasant Prairie Village Board was held on Monday, November 15, 2010. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Village Board members John Steinbrink, Monica Yuhas, Steve Kumorkiewicz, Clyde Allen and Mike Serpe. Also present were Michael Pollocoff, Village Administrator; Mike Spence, Village Engineer; Jean Werbie-Harris, Community Development Director; Kathy Goessl, Finance Director/Treasurer and Jane Romanowski, Village Clerk. Five citizens attended the meeting.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS - OCTOBER 25, 2010**

Clyde Allen:

Move to approve.

Monica Yuhas:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion for approval by Clyde, second by Monica. Any corrections or additions?

ALLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2010 AS PRESENTED IN THEIR WRITTEN FORM; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A. Proposed 2011 General Fund, Tax Increment Districts & Special Revenue Budgets**
 - 1) Citizen Comments**
 - 2) Closing of Budget Hearing**
 - 3) Board of Trustee Comments**
 - 4) Resolution #10-43 relating to Adoption of 2011 Budget and Property Tax Levy including Capital, Debt Service and other funds of the Village budget.**

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Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President tonight is the evening where we conduct the public hearing for the Board to consider and adopt the general fund budget. I'd like to have Kathy begin with her presentation and I'll have comments to follow.

Kathy Goessl:

This is an organizational chart of all the different budgets that we do for the Village. The blue ones are the ones being presented this evening. That includes general government, operating, capital and debt service. These budgets were presented at a working session on October 9th and also presented October 25th and a revision on November 1st. So we are still working on the green colored squares up there which is basically the utilities, the recreational enterprise and the fleet internal service fund. But we also present tonight the tax incremental district and special revenue funds.

We'll start out with the operating section of the general government budget. This is similar to or the same as what you saw November 1st when we presented some revisions to the budget that was proposed. And so this is a comparison of 2010 to 2011. We're looking at a very slight property tax increase for the operating section of our budget. Other revenues are up, and other revenues are mainly up because of intergovernmental, up \$110,000 which is mainly due to road aids. We spent more money on roads so we're getting more aids this year for roads.

Licenses and permits are also up \$43,000, and that's due to building permits related, and what we're doing is just matching what we're estimating for 2010. And then also public charges for services are up \$43,000 which includes rescue, street lighting, franchise fee, which all these increases are offset by other taxes being down \$38,000 which is mobile homes and utility tax. Then we have the new programs which is Wisconsin Refund Intercept for the courts for \$25,000 and Knox Box sales for \$300. So that makes the revenue at 2 percent increase over last year's budget, a little over \$230,000.

Expense-wise we have the different categories that we group things in, public safety, public works, general government, community development, parks. We have no contingency for this year or last year. New programs which were listed in our last three presentations, as well as our working session, that has not changed. And then program reductions there's a small program reduction for \$1,800 for IT server maintenance reduction.

So overall we're looking at an increase of \$776,000 in expenses. The main reason for this is first of all we're adding two additional police officers, and then we're also releasing some part time positions in IT that were frozen. Other than that, health insurance is a big reason for this increase across the board. We're looking at we budgeted a 20 percent increase which is about \$350,000 for this budget. So we're looking at a negative loss actually for 2011. And basically the reason we're doing this is because we're estimating a gain of around that amount for the 2010 calendar year. So we're going to use the money that we've gained in 2010 to help reduce the budget levies for 2011. We actually reduced the levy by about \$250,000 versus what we could have gotten based on the State levy limits.

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Mike Pollocoff:

I think what's important to point on that is that gain we realized this year most of that was from permits that weren't anticipated. That's a one-time gain. That's not a recurring gain that we're going to see from year to year. It's not a source of revenue that can be relied upon year after year and not in this economy. So as Kathy said we're budgeting those types of revenue sources at the same levels that we anticipated we were going to get this year. But I don't want to budget based on what we did receive this year. There's some things we put in place that have borne some good results, but on the other hand with the problems in the housing marketing, the problems with foreclosures, the excess capacities that exist out there in housing, it's not prudent to bank on having a lot of housing permits and things like that coming in. So based on the vacancy rates in some of the industrial uses I don't see any industrial buildings being built until the vacant ones are used up.

That's why what we realized as a gain last year we're using it as a one-time offset to reduce the levy. Because if we built it into the budget and the economy doesn't perform as well as we hope then we'd be short because that would be built into something that goes on in the budget. So if we use it to fund some programs that we are going to continue to have I don't think it will be there to support it. So that's why we proposed this in the budget the way we have because it's a one-time shot.

Kathy Goessl:

We'll look briefly at the operating revenues. This is a graph of the operating revenues. As you can see property tax is our largest revenue source followed by intergovernmental. Then you can see the other smaller sources of revenue to operate the Village. 2010 is the blue bars and 2011 is the red bars. So you can see we're staying really pretty close to what we did last year, just slightly up in each of the different areas or pretty much the same.

This is a numerical view of that same chart showing you the changes in each of the different categories comparing 2010 budget to 2011 proposed. The biggest increase here is in intergovernmental revenue and that's due to road aids. Again, we spent money in the last three years, more money on road aids than we had in the previous three years, so that number went up then. Otherwise you're not looking at much change compared to the 2010 to 2011 budget. Overall we're looking at \$232,209 increase in revenue being proposed.

Now we'll switch to a quick review of operating expenses. This is a comparison by groupings. The groupings are, first of all, public safety which is police fire and rescue, public safety, communication and inspection. Across the board there is no raises in any of these 2011 proposed. We did add two additional police positions in this area and, again, that health insurance increase was budgeted at 20 percent and that's reflecting through this whole budget.

Public works is engineering, the street department and street lighting. The increase here is mainly in personnel. There's more hours from the public works pool being allocated to the general government. Health insurance is increased, and also fleet internal service fund charges are up

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because there's more man hours allocated to this area, therefore there's more equipment used. Street lighting also is in that category, and we had a rate increase of 12.5 percent.

General government includes the Village Board, municipal courts, administration, HR, IT, finance, assessing and the Village administration, and that's up slightly, again, mainly due to health insurance and other slight increases across the budget.

CD is pretty much the same as last year. And parks is up, and the majority of the increase is in personnel and their associated benefits, to mow additional sites like Ingram Park and the associated equipment that is also charged from the fleet internal service fund with more people, more equipment, the same correlation. One's up, the other one is up also. New programs of \$105,000, almost \$106,000, and then that program reduction. So that was the operating section of the budget.

Now we're switching to the capital fund portion, and this is also funded by the tax levy also. Here's a summary of this budget. Again, it's comparing 2010 to 2011 proposed, and the change in both dollars and percentages. property tax that's being allocated to this area is up by a little over \$700,000. What's happened here is that when we reduced debt prior to 2008 that money is redirected from the debt service fund to the capital project fund. And around \$500,000 was reduced out of that fund so it got redirected here to do more capital projects, especially road projects.

The grant here is last year, 2010, was Cooper Road, a grant for Cooper Road for resurfacing. And this year it is local road improvement grant for \$125,000. Therefore, it is a decrease in that area for grants.

Impact fees this is the impact fees being collected or estimated to be collected. This is very uncertain because of the economy and when building permits and stuff come in, so we left the budget pretty much the same at \$50,000 in this area.

Others is mainly the use of impact fees, and this year we're using impact fees for the Village Green Park for \$50,000. And we're using impact fees to design and to do the architectural on Fire Station #3. So the total impact fees that we're proposing to be used this year is a little over \$206,000, which is an increase over what we've used in the past in that area in terms of impact fees. Total revenue is up almost \$650,000.

Capital outlay is similar to what we had last year at \$2.4 million. And in the packets there's a list of all the capital projects that we're proposing. And then net proceeds is bond proceeds. And basically the reason that number is so high is because, first of all, the only thing that we're borrowing for in 2010 is public safety mobile software which is \$300,000. But also if the interest rates are good and the budget here is being budgeted as if they are good is to also borrow for some 2012 capital projects which is the ambulance, the pumper tanker fire truck and the north ball field parking lots and bathrooms. So that would be added to the \$300,000, \$1.3 million that we would borrow for 2012. Those projects would not be done until 2012, but if the interest rates are good it's better in the long run to borrow earlier and hold it in reserves to purchase those in

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2012. So if it's not good we won't go ahead and borrow that and we'll just borrow the \$300,000. So that's the net proceeds as borrowing and that's up.

And then in this fund we're looking at a net gain. Basically that net gain is the reserve of the \$1.3 million that we're looking at for the future 2012 capital purchases, the pumper tanker and the ambulance and the ballfield parking lots and bathrooms. Other than that it's not much of an increase. It's pretty much a balanced budget if you took that out of the equation.

And the third part of the general operating budget is debt service which also uses the tax levy. And this, again, is the same comparison to the 2010 budget to 2011 proposed, again showing the change in dollars as well as percent. The tax levy is going down that's being directed here. You can see it's almost half a million dollars, and that's directed as you can see in capital over to the capital fund.

Special assessments are staying very similar to last year. This is a collection of special assessment interest. And interest income we're looking a little bit more interest income here. I'm not exactly sure. I know there was something special that went into this fund that brought that up and I can't remember right off the top of my head what that is, but the interest income is up \$32,000. I've got to look back at the detail if you guys want that question answered tonight. Total revenue is down about half a million dollars basically due to the tax levy increase. Principal payments and interest payments are down similar amounts because we basically make this budget a balanced budget, down the \$454,000.

This is putting all these three budgets together, operating, debt, capital for a total of the summarized version of each of these budgets. The top line is property tax, and you can see the different property tax levies that is being used for each of the different areas for a total of a little over \$9 million proposed property tax levy.

Other revenue sources are a little over \$6.6 million. You can see how that's spread out mainly being in the operating section of the general government. Expense-wise, again, operating has the biggest percent of expenses in this area, but total expenses are a little over \$16 million. We're looking at borrowing \$1.6 in the capital which I explained a couple slide ago. So you can see the net change in each of these areas, plus using 2010's estimated gain in operating we're looking at a proposed budget for debt as being balanced. And capital proposing an increase for the borrowing of future 2012 equipment.

Fund balances are down at the bottom. We want to maintain a 15 percent reserve which we are able to do that. And then also capital has a larger reserve because of the leftovers from the capital borrowing as well as some other money we have here for uncertainty in this area also. So we have a reserve of \$2.6 million or a little over 17 percent.

So how does this affect the total tax bill? This is where your property tax dollars go. As you can see, Kenosha Unified Schools takes the biggest chunk, and they're looking at increasing the bill—this is the mills rate actually so it went from \$8.99 to \$10.76. Kenosha County is actually not in yet. I don't have their final numbers. I put a 3 percent increase here for them in their tax levy.

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I'm not exactly sure how they're going to come in, but that's what I stuck in here for now. So that's a 3 percent increase there.

And Pleasant Prairie is up from \$3.40 to \$3.99. Gateway has submitted their certified levy form to me so they're up slightly from \$1.26 to \$1.41. And the State of Wisconsin is not in also. They come along with the County's sheet for certifying the levy.

So overall this adds up to for 2011 \$21.18. Last year it was \$17.94 mill rate, so we're looking at a \$3.24 increase before we even look at the school tax credit. The Village only accounts for 20 percent, 19 or 20 percent of this. The median household is \$211,900. The Village increase on that median household is only \$20.55, but the overall estimated increase is currently \$141, with the biggest chunk, \$100, right now being Kenosha Unified School District.

This is a slide you've seen the last couple presentations. It shows again our levy history. We have been under a levy freeze either self-imposed or State-imposed since 2003. We did a self-imposed from 2003 to 2005 and a mandated levy limit freeze from 2006 through 2011. The majority of the years as you can see we have decreased and pretty much stayed level. This is the first year we've gone up and that's due to assessed values going down. That blue line, the bottom line, is actually our assessed values in billions of dollars. You can see they pretty much correlate. When one goes up the other one goes down along the line. So that's the review of the general fund budget which included operating, debt and capital.

So now I'm switching if you don't have any questions to the tax incremental districts. This is the proposed budget for the Tax Incremental District #2. You have, again, the 2010 budget, I have a 2011 estimate and also a 2011 proposed. And the change is from the 2011 proposed to the 2010 budget. Property tax increment right now as we proposed at a little less than \$7 million, but that number will change when Kenosha County gives me their final certified levy, because it's based on calculations on the levy differences. So at this time this is what I have estimated.

Land sales, and this is all calculation. This is a calculation based given to us by the State, so it's pretty much add, subtract, divide-type calculation. Land sales for 2010 and 2011 is frontage payments from the State of Wisconsin which are pretty definite. And then other revenue sources is the Southwest Innovation Center. We received a \$3.5 million grant from the federal government, and also we are looking at receiving \$2 million from KABA. But we are going to be reimbursed based on what we're spending. It's not going to be given to us all up front. So we're estimating based on our projected time line that we will get done about \$2 million worth of construction at the site. So this is what we're projecting to get reimbursed from the federal government and KABA in some combination.

Other revenues are interest income and special assessment income. That's down slightly. That can fluctuate depending on who pays out their special assessments in the TID District. All those are deferred so basically it's all up to the property owner whether they want to connect or not. So that's up for 2011 but very similar to 2010's budget.

Capital improvements are down from last year, and mainly the capital improvements for this year is mainly the Southwest Innovation Center and the Village Green improvements around that site

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is \$5 million, and then there's other miscellaneous items to finish off the TID in the area of the I-94 Interstate.

The debt activity for this fund is paying off debt, principal and interest, and we're looking at an increase in this area. Because we have additional revenue sources we structure out debt to be able to pay off some additional debt payments. So we're looking at an increase of \$2.7, almost \$2.8 million.

New proceeds we're looking at a very minimal amount of money. We have money left over from this year's borrowing, and to be able to keep this budget in positive cash we're only looking at less than \$1 million in 2011.

So on the bottom is your fund balances and the change in that. We're looking at starting out the next year at a little over \$6 million which is some of the borrowing from the year before and ending with a fund balance currently of \$3 million.

The other tax incremental district that we have it TID #4. TID #4 is the blight elimination for property located at 22nd Avenue and 91st Street. The total project cost was initially estimated at \$700,000 but has been substantially less. And the developer has financed the project in its entirety. The tax increments we've generated from this property these increments will be used to reimburse the developer for the project plus any interest he may have. There's a cap on the amount of years that he gets reimbursed which is 20. But this year because of the decrease in assessed value for the property his actual tax increment is going to go from \$3,000 last year to a little over \$1,200 this year. Basically it's still cleared land. There's no building improvements being done on that. We just pay him back that money because he put all the up front cost into the project.

Special revenue funds we have four special revenue funds, fire and rescue, police, federally forfeited and veterans memorial for a total there on the fire right hand side. Our revenue sources are mainly donations except for federally forfeited where we get some money from the federal government when they share some federal funds based on maybe a drug raid or something like that. And so total revenues for all these funds together we're looking at a little over \$21,000. Expense-wise we're looking at spending about the same. Expenses are mainly minor equipment. And the police fund is also used to support our police dog in terms of food, vet bills and that type of thing for the dog. Fund balances don't change much. We're looking at pretty much starting with \$20,000 and ending with around \$20,000. So this is a very small minor fund here in terms of special revenue.

This slide you've seen over the last couple presentations also. I just want to end with this slide showing us what the future is and what guidelines we're following as we put together this budget as well as any future budgets. First of all, we want to utilize the municipal levy limits as prescribed by the State of Wisconsin. We did figure that levy limit out. We did reduce it by \$250,000, but that money can also be made up in the future and brought back. It's not totally gone.

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Debt service reduction, when prior 2008 debt service payments decline we do not decrease the levy but we purchase capital and resurface roads. Roads are a big portion of the capital list that we had. It was over \$1 million worth of roads, and it's all being funded by the levy and not by any borrowing.

And then use impact fees to save existing taxpayers money. We used impact fees or propose to use it for 2011 for the Village Green park and also for the Fire Station #3 design. Borrow only for major Village-wide capital purchases. The only thing we're borrowing for this year that's pertaining to this year is the public safety mobile software which is \$300,000. Everything else is being funded either by levy or by impact fees.

Use fund balance only as a last resort. And we're still maintaining the 15 percent plus fund balance, and we have not dipped below that 15 percent. Reserve fund must remain above 15 percent, and we do have about 15 percent. So that was the presentation for the operating which includes general government, which includes operating debt and capital, our special revenue funds and then as well as our TIDs. Any questions from the Board? That's all I have.

John Steinbrink:

Questions from the Board? If not, we'll open it up to citizens' comments.

Jane Romanowski:

There were no signups, Mr. President.

John Steinbrink:

Anybody wishing to comment on the budget? Hearing none, I'll close the citizen comments portion and move on to Item 2) closing of the budget hearing which I will close the budget hearing. Item 3) Board of Trustee comments?

Michael Serpe:

Not easy at a time like this to formulate a budget and keep everybody as happy as you can. I think one of the most troubling things in the budget for me is as much faith and appreciation I have for public employees that we are not able to give them a raise. But when you consider the unemployment factor that we have, you consider the economy as it is, people losing their jobs, maybe finding another job at a lesser pay than what they were used to, as a former public employee we always had a joke amongst us that if you want to make this job look good we need a good recession. And that's just about what we have right now.

But the employees are there doing the job that we ask them to do and then some and we appreciate that. I know the citizens appreciate it. It wouldn't do well for anybody in the Village, administration, the Board or anywhere if we were to just hand out raises at a time when people are losing their jobs and their homes. It just doesn't go hand-in-hand.

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I credit the department heads for keeping this Village moving forward. I give credit to Mike Pollocoff for keeping the glue together, and I've said it in the past and I'll say it again, publically if we ever had a sub name for this Village it would be the Village of Mike Pollocoff. That's how much I believe in Mike's leadership abilities and how valuable he is not just to this Village but to this entire region.

Clyde Allen:

Mike, you took the first part of what I was going to say. At a time when people are struggling to keep jobs, taking less pay, having a decrease in benefits, we are fortunate enough that we have departments heads and Kathy and Mike here taking action before other municipalities in the area. Hard decisions were made. Very difficult. It's hard to give raises at a time when Social Security has not been raised for two years in a row. That's really tough for those on a fixed income. But I want to say thanks to not only department heads and Kathy and Mike but all the employees for what they've done, the work that's put forth in a tough time like this.

If you remember about four or five years ago big concerns were debt service. If I remember right off the top of my head, Mike correct me if I'm wrong or Kathy correct me if I'm wrong, but over the last period of four or five or six years we've reduced out debt by about 44 or 45 percent. We achieved a reserve of the 15 percent which contributed to a bond rating increase basically annually or an upkeep of a bond increase which keeps interest low. By doing those things anybody that drives through the Village can see the services they get.

The roads, one of the big concerns four years ago was the roads not being maintained, having a good program. You've instituted a good program annually that we actually have a five year plan in effect and it's working. I think John last meeting we had a plan and you stuck to it and I applaud you and everybody for that because it takes a full team, not just department heads, not just Mike, not just Kathy. It takes everybody participating in it that's within the Village. So I thank everybody for their hard work.

We did not have to come back to you and ask you please reduce it again, look at reducing, look at reducing more. Every time we've seen something you've made more additional changes to get it as low as you can get it and I appreciate that. Thank you.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I know to add to what Mike and Clyde said, I'm one of those on a fixed income of Social Security so I know what the senior citizens are going through right now. The only one who got pay increases is the federal government. They . . . pay increases, we don't. Local governments are the ones who suffer. Federal government doesn't. We sacrifice and they collect. Unfortunately there's nothing we can do on that level, but there's no question we have to commend the departments here as you say and the personnel, the people that work in the Village for taking a

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hard step of no rate increase, no pay increase just to keep the thing moving . . . the same as everybody else. So just thank everybody for the cooperation. Thanks Kathy and Mike and the department heads . . . a couple of months ago the department has been working on this issue from July. It starts in July to get where it is today. Just look at the other communities.

Mr. Pollocoff is not just well known here in Pleasant Prairie . . . other people don't know as much . . . people out of the area, out of the County . . . everybody knows where Pleasant Prairie is and I think Mike is the one who put Pleasant Prairie on the map. We thank him for that. We're going to have to wait out again next year and see what happens . . . premiums for insurance going up As I said we're all in the same boat That's all I have to say.

John Steinbrink:

I think staff would like nothing more than to see a normal year where they could predict what's going to happen. And we've had nothing near to a normal year for the last few years. Health insurance costs, utility costs, the same thing every homeowner and taxpayer goes through the Village goes through, as does every employee of the Village. We pretty much have held the line on costs. And I commend the staff and departments for that because this didn't just happen. This has been an ongoing process for many years now, reading the tea leaves and kind of seeing what's really going to happen out there in the future and preparing the Village for it, making sure we were on financial stable ground. With doing all that and keeping taxes at a reasonable rate we've maintained services. That's the key thing that taxpayers want to see is something for their money, and they get their money's worth in the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

The last few years we've taken on added processes such as garbage collection. Very successful. Ten years ago if you said to me we were going to be in the garbage business I'd have said you're nut because there was no way we wanted to be in the garbage business. But these un-normal times led us in that direction, and it turned out to be a very successful venture especially for the users because they get a very quality service probably second to none. It's kind of nice. We used to get complaints. On garbage day the phone would ring off the hook when the private guys were doing it. Not anymore. People are happy. We have a quality service, and I commend the departments for that. That's not an easy job. That's kind of like the mailman, rain or snow and those guys are out there especially in snowy weather when it's a blizzard and these guys are out there picking up garbage and doing it in a timely fashion and we're not getting complaints. That says something. But it's the quality of service in the Village. So I thank everybody for their work, and I thank the departments for putting together a budget that we can pass here tonight. Mike?

Mike Pollocoff:

I'd just like to thank the Board for their support and their kind comments. I think if there was a street or village sign out there with my name on it, it might be a place to make a turn. I don't know if that would be well received. The nature of the economy right now when you look at one budget you really can't look at one budget alone. If you think back almost three budgets back we started reducing staff. And when it wasn't readily evident in local governments, the Village of

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Pleasant Prairie was regretfully laying people off in positions which we felt we could try and provide services in a different way.

You look over the last three years, and we're not a big operation, between the general fund and the enterprise is about a dozen people that we've had to remove from the staff. Nobody feels good about laying somebody off in this economic environment but it was necessary. And I think what that's done is helped us avoid things like furloughs where we actually reduce services to citizens because to me when you have to furlough somebody you basically haven't managed the budget well enough to be able to keep the number of people you need out there. We haven't had to do that. We've had cooperation with the fire union in accepting a wage freeze in their last agreement. We're negotiating with both of the major unions at this time for next year's and we'll get that worked out.

The saving grace in this has been this would be a terrible environment for a wage freeze if inflation was high but right now inflation isn't really high for anybody. That's why Social Security isn't getting an increase because the inflation numbers aren't there. It's not a reason to be happy about. Even now the feds are trying to encourage a little bit of inflation for some growth in the economy. But we couldn't get done the things we get done without our employees. Even though public employees right now are the pinata of the press, I think Pleasant Prairie people realize that their Village is keeping them safe, keeping the roads cleared and maintained, providing those essential sanitation services and the support services, managing development in a really difficult time when we need to be creative about securing development and still have it happen in a quality manner and having this happen in an environment that is difficult to say the least.

As a group of employees it's been easier for us because we've had good, sound policies that have been promoted by the Board. It's a lot easier to make something happen if it makes sense in the first instance rather than trying to make something crazy look good. My hat's off to you guys doing that in a difficult time. Hopefully, although I'm not confident, but hopefully next year will look better. Even if it's not a lot better we won't be going backwards.

We'll be bringing back the enterprise budgets to you in December to finish off sewer, water, clean water, solid waste and enterprise for those parts of our budget that are off the general fund tax levy. We'll get this going. Tax bills should be out in the first week of December I believe. I was at a meeting with the County Treasurer. When we forward this information on they'll have it out at that point in time. With that, Mr. President, I'd be looking for the Board to consider Resolution 10-43 to adopt the budget, property tax levy, capital, debt service and the other funds for the Village.

Clyde Allen:

Make a motion to approve Resolution 10-43 with the adoption of the 2011 budget on property tax, capital, debt service and other funds for the Village.

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Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Clyde, second by Steve for adoption of Resolution #10-43. Any further discussion, comment or question? Hearing none, we need just a regular vote on that?

Mike Pollocoff:

Yes.

ALLEN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-43 RELATING TO ADOPTION OF 2011 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCLUDING CAPITAL, DEBT SERVICE AND OTHER FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE BUDGET; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Consider the request of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the discontinuance of a portion of 103rd Street between 8th and 11th Avenues.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Mr. President, this item has been withdrawn at this time by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. If they get all the details worked out they'll bring it back at a later date.

John Steinbrink:

Then there's no need for a public hearing.

Mike Pollocoff:

We may want to ask because we've noticed it as a public hearing.

John Steinbrink:

We noticed it and people did show up.

Mike Pollocoff:

Let's open up the hearing first.

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John Steinbrink:

Even though the item has been withdrawn, is there anyone wishing to speak on this item because we did notice it as a public hearing. Anyone wishing to speak on this? If not, I will close the public hearing and ask for a motion.

Michael Serpe:

Move to remove from the agenda.

Clyde Allen:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Clyde for removal from the agenda. Further comment or question on this?

SERPE MOVED TO REMOVE THE REQUEST OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF 103RD STREET BETWEEN 8TH AND 11TH AVENUES AS REQUESTED BY THE DNR; SECONDED BY ALLEN; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ruth Rossman:

I've never done this. I would to request an ordinance or variance be drafted and approved to allow the Village of Pleasant Prairie residents to have five chickens on his or her own property. I brought documentation showing a diagram of our land and where we would put our chicken coop; the benefits of having urban chickens; the frequently asked questions; the *Journal Times* article noting backyard chicken proposal passes health exams so there's no health risks; cities that allow chickens, Madison, Green Bay are a few; a sample of a permit to keep chickens which charges \$25 to make sure that you build a correct coop; an outline for keeping domesticated chickens because if somebody doesn't keep it up then you would fine them and take it away. And I have signatures of two of our four neighbors that they don't have a problem. I'm in the Village of Pleasant Prairie and on my three sides are the City of Kenosha. I have my proposal. I know you don't discuss it. I'd like to leave a copy of this to see where we can go with it.

John Steinbrink:

Can we have your name and address for the record, though?

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Ruth Rossman:

Pardon?

John Steinbrink:

Generally we start off you give us your name and address for the record.

Ruth Rossman:

Oh, I'm sorry. It's Ruth Rossman. And my address is 9126 32nd Avenue. I have a Kenosha mailbox but I'm in Pleasant Prairie.

John Steinbrink:

Any certain kind of chicken you're looking to raise?

Ruth Rossman:

Actually Asian Bantams. They're friendly and they like cold weather, yes.

John Steinbrink:

And that gentleman with you he takes care of the cleanup there if you do that?

Ruth Rossman:

Actually we're both going to do that. They're not that dirty. I was in Madison and next to my son's house they have a chicken coop in the City.

John Steinbrink:

Madison did just put an ordinance in.

Ruth Rossman:

Yes, and it looked clean, it was fun and I'd like to do it, too. They would be my pets.

Michael Serpe:

Ruth, you have to understand we can take your comments tonight but we can't take an action on it tonight.

Ruth Rossman:

I know. That's what I'm doing.

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John Steinbrink:

You said you talked to two of your four neighbors?

Ruth Rossman:

Right, Greg and Karen . . . and I couldn't get a hold of my next door neighbor, Mary, but the other two I have signed.

John Steinbrink:

Okay, that will be discussed when you come back. Thank you.

Ruth Rossman:

Can I leave these?

John Steinbrink:

Yes, give them to Jane. Anyone else wishing to speak under citizens' comments?

Jane Romanowski:

No more sign ups tonight.

John Steinbrink:

Anyone else wishing to speak? If not, I'll close citizens' comments.

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mike Pollocoff:

The budget was my report tonight.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Receive Plan Commission recommendation and consider Ordinance #10-63 to rezone the property generally located on the east side of Sheridan Road between 116th and 128th Streets owned by Big-I Development Corp. of Wisconsin as a result of a wetland staking on file with the Village.**

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Jean Werbie-Harris:

Mr. President and members of the Board, on November 8, 2010, the Plan Commission held a public hearing for this item. It had been an item that had been tabled since April 12, 2010. The matters related to a correction of the Village's official zoning map for the property generally located on the east side of Sheridan Road between 116th and 128th Street. It's land that's owned by Big-I Development Corporation. It's identified as Tax Parcel Number 93-4-123-314-0410.

Specifically, this had been requested to be tabled by the Plan Commission by the petitioner who had some disagreement with respect to the wetland delineation that had been previously completed by Don Reed from the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. He felt that it was not an accurate delineation of the wetlands on his property, so he had requested at that time an additional six months in order to have a new delineation completed and that his property not be rezoned at that time based on the delineation on file.

It's been six months. The staff notified the petitioner. He has not contacted us or written to us in any way to let us know whether or not he has proceeded to have a new delineation completed on his property. So the Plan Commission held the public hearing based on the original delineation conducted by Dr. Reed, and recommended approval of the zoning map amendment based on the delineation that was completed by the Regional Planning Commission.

The information that's being presented to you this evening is that same information that the property that was delineated as wetlands be rezoned into the C-1, Lowland Resource Conservancy District, and the non-wetland areas would remain in the A-2, General Agricultural District. This was a matter for public hearing, and the Plan Commission recommended approval as presented.

Michael Serpe:

Mr. Chairman, I move approval of Ordinance 10-63.

Monica Yuhas:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Monica for adoption of Ordinance 10-63. Further comment or question?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Yes, I've got a comment. . . . enough time that property was staked was in 2004, that's six years ago.

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Jean Werbie-Harris:

That's correct.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

I thought every five years it's supposed to be staked again.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

They aren't supposed to be delineated every five years, but basically the delineations are valid for up to five years. They can be re-delineated at a request of the property owner. The Village will typically not go out there and do the delineation, there's a cost associated with it. So if the property owner wants to come back at any future point in time and have the property re-delineated, the Village Plan Commission and the Board can again reconsider a rezoning of the property based on that new delineation.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

And the DNR and SEWRPC stay out of that?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

The delineation can be done by a private individual or it can be done by the DNR or by the Regional Planning Commission. But it does need to have a final verification by either SEWRPC or by DNR.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Okay, thank you. That answers my question.

John Steinbrink:

We have a motion and a second.

SERPE MOVED TO CONCUR WITH THE PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND ADOPT ORDINANCE #10-63 TO REZONE THE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SHERIDAN ROAD BETWEEN 116TH AND 128TH STREETS OWNED BY BIG-I DEVELOPMENT CORP. OF WISCONSIN AS A RESULT OF A WETLAND STAKING ON FILE WITH THE VILLAGE; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Consider Resolution #10-39 accepting a 6.56-acre land donation from Jay R. Sorensen for property generally located at the 11400 block on the west side of 47th Avenue.

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Jean Werbie-Harris:

Mr. President and members of the Board, this is a request and a Resolution 10-39 to authorize the acceptance of a land donation from Jay R. Sorensen. He has offered to donate land to the Village of Pleasant Prairie. It is a 6.56 acre parcel of land that's located at about the 11400 block of the west side of 47th Avenue as shown in the attachment and as shown on the slide.

The land donation is generally a wooded oak savannah property with trails running through the site. There's a narrow band of wetlands also running through the property. The land that is proposed to be donated is located within the secondary environmental corridor as shown in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The zoning ordinance specifically says that lands with this type of designation be zoned into the C-2 classification, which is an Upland Resource Conservancy District. And this land is intended to be preserved, protected, enhanced and restored as woodland and a scenic area, as well as intended to promote and maintain the natural beauty of the Village.

The land donation was considered by the Village Park Commission at their meeting last week, and they recommended that the Board accept the land donation for its eventual incorporation into a larger Village neighborhood park to serve the community. And at the request of the adjacent landowner from which this land originally came, that this land be identified as an area to be included into the future Kildeer Farm which is a future park area for the Village. This property was appraised and has a current value of \$286,000.

The contingency is that the land donation will forever remain in the Village's ownership and to be used for public park purposes. Jay understands that he won't be receiving any monitor consideration from the Village in exchange for the donation. However, the Village would need to agree and support the appraisal summary and would be willing to cooperate with him in submitting the appropriate documents that he would need for tax benefit purposes. The Park Commission also indicated that they offered their sincere appreciation to Mr. Sorensen for donating these woods and this land to the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

Jay was not able to meet and be at this meeting tonight, but he was very excited about being able to grant this donation to the Village. He just recently purchased this land within the last year from actually the bank through VK Development, but he has farmed the land for over 40 years for the Millhollands who live on the family farm adjacent to it.

Michael Serpe:

I also agree it's a very generous donation on the part of Mr. Sorensen. What type of amenities for a park could be put in this size parcel?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

At this point it might just be more of a walking or nature trail type of park or some type of educational type of activities could be in there. It's not intended to be clear cut in any way but more of a nature trail type system until and unless it would be combined with any adjacent lands or nearby lands.

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Michael Serpe:

So the most that we can do with it then is put a parking area in there and let people–

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I don't know that you want to actually even clear cut the trees to put a parking area in it. I think that this is part of a potential for a larger area for a Village park. So I'm not sure that it's going to be readily active for park purposes initially. But at some point in the future, like I said, once we combine it with some additional lands in the area or that area starts to develop, that's when we can actually combine this with some other parklands.

Mike Pollocoff:

What we really need to do is update our master park plan with this as part of it so that the Park Commission and the planners can look at how this Killdeer Farm evolves.

Michael Serpe:

Did Jay put a time element on there or time limit on there when he'd like to see it developed?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

No.

Mike Pollocoff:

No, there's no restrictions other than the one that Jean mentioned.

Michael Serpe:

Okay, that's good.

Monica Yuhas:

Move for approval of Resolution 10-39.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Monica, second by Steve for adoption of Resolution 10-39. Further discussion?

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Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Just one question. Years ago there used to be an ordinance, I don't know if it was a County ordinance or a Township ordinance or whatever in which . . . any property parks and you have 365 days to give it back. Do you recall that?

Mike Pollocoff:

(Inaudible)

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Okay, I'm glad to hear that. I wasn't sure of that because now that property will remain forever in the

John Steinbrink:

Motion and a second.

YUHAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-39 ACCEPTING A 6.56-ACRE LAND DONATION FROM JAY R. SORENSEN FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE 11400 BLOCK ON THE WEST SIDE OF 47TH AVENUE; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

C. Consider Resolution #10-40 to name the 6.56 wooded acres of land donated by Jay R. Sorensen for property generally located at the 11400 block on the west side of 47th Avenue as "Sorensen Woods at Kildeer Farm".

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Move to approve.

Clyde Allen:

Second.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Yes, the Village Park Commission as well as the staff r recommends approval of Resolution 10-40. This is a resolution of appreciation for the donation and the naming rights of the land. As I indicated before, Jay Sorensen is a lifelong resident of the Village. He's been an active farmer for over 40 years. He recently acquired the property. And while it was suggested to him that he sell the land for urban purposes and to do some clear cutting of the trees he chose not to do that, but rather to donate the land to the Village of Pleasant Prairie, not only because I asked but because it was something that he felt in his heart would be the right thing to do to help preserve and protect that area.

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The adjacent landowner, again, had requested and he supported the fact that we name it as Sorensen Woods at Kildeer Farm. And because the Gilbert Lance family still lives adjacent to this property, and they also indicated I think at the Park Commission at some point that this does become more of an active or passive park, that there be some type of sign in recognition that's placed at this location by the Park Commission and the Village Board. So the staff recommends approval that we send our appreciation to Mr. Sorensen and the official name of this area be known as Sorensen Woods at Kildeer Farm.

John Steinbrink:

Now I'll entertain a motion.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Okay, I move to adopt it.

Clyde Allen:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Steve, second by Clyde. Further discussion?

Monica Yuhas:

I would just like to say being a member of the Park Commission Mr. Sorensen was there last Thursday and the Commission was most appreciative. And living very close to this property there is quite a bit of deer in there. They tend to walk across the road when cars are coming that way.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

I just heard that.

Monica Yuhas:

I can see the walking path being put in there and it being an educational walking path for people because of the birds, because of the wildlife that's out there. It's a great addition, and I look forward to incorporating it into our master park plan when we start working on it in 2010 in the Park Commission.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

We're lucky to have so many pieces of property being donated to the Village.

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John Steinbrink:

Motion and a second.

KUMORKIEWICZ MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-40 TO NAME THE 6.56 WOODED ACRES OF LAND DONATED BY JAY R. SORENSEN FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE 11400 BLOCK ON THE WEST SIDE OF 47TH AVENUE AS "SOERSEN WOODS AT KILDEER FARM"; SECONDED BY ALLEN; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

D. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and Jay R. Sorensen regarding park land donated to the Village.

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Mr. President, the purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to actually clarify one point of discussion that Mr. Sorensen had with Mr. Pollocoff and I. And that was the fact that with this land donation of this almost 7 acres of land, and at some point if and when that land that he has purchased from the original farm does develop, he's requested that no addition land from his particular holdings be donated for future park purposes. There are still some other landowners adjacent to this particular property, but the purpose of this memorandum of understanding is that the Village will not be requesting any additional land from him as part of a future park in this particular area as a result of this donation.

John Steinbrink:

But it could be done by mutual agreement at that time?

Jean Werbie-Harris:

Yes, it could. It just would not be a mandatory donation.

Michael Serpe:

Move to approve the memorandum of understanding.

Monica Yuhas:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Monica. Further discussion on this item?

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SERPE MOVED TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND JAY R. SORENSEN REGARDING PARK LAND DONATED TO THE VILLAGE; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- E. Consider Resolution #10-41 to petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads for a hearing to make a determination on the adequacy of the warning devices in the vicinity of 95th Street and CTH H.**

Mike Pollocoff:

Mr. President, this resolution if adopted is going to be forwarded to the Commissioner of Railroads. The Village rail spur that comes off the Canadian Pacific Railroad and goes into what used to be the Lawter plant, that plant has been acquired by Emco Chemical, and they're going to bring in even more cars. Back when we installed that rail line in '92 or '93, there wasn't a lot of traffic on H. And the amount of railcars that were going into Lawter at that time was pretty minor.

The world has changed significantly, so with this resolution that section of railroad does belong to the Village, and we'd be requesting that the Rail Commissioner order a study be done and require the Canadian Pacific to install signals on H for when the train crosses that. Right now there's cross bucks there, and then when they do bring cars in there they want a guy to go out with a flag. The speed limit is a little high on that road, well 35 so they're going a little faster than that. But I think it's something we ought to get started on because we think it would take about two years to go through the process.

Michael Serpe:

I think it's needed, Mike. While they're working on the signalization of that crossing, is there any indication as to when they're going to repair the road at the crossing on 95th Street? It's pretty bad.

Mike Pollocoff:

They were going to do it last weekend and it got delayed. I'm not sure what the new work date is, if it's next week. Do you know?

(Inaudible)

Mike Pollocoff:

They're going to wait for it to get nice and cold and then start. That one is Northwestern Railroad. That one there is a different railroad.

Michael Serpe:

That's a different set of tracks than what Emco has?

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Mike Pollocoff:

Right this is by the park, Lake Andrea where we're talking about this. The tracks that need to be repaired are the ones that go into the power plant where the coal train goes, the Chicago Northwestern.

John Steinbrink:

That little spur by the lift station.

Michael Serpe:

That comes off another, okay. Mention it to him anyway. I move approval of 10-41.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Steve for adoption of Resolution 10-41 to send to Commissioner Breske a note and move this along. Any further discussion

SERPE MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-41 TO PETITION THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS FOR A HEARING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE WARNING DEVICES IN THE VICINITY OF 95TH STREET AND CTH H; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

F. Consider Resolution #10-42 authorizing the placing of Utilities and Special Charges on the Tax Roll.

Kathy Goessl:

Mr. President, this is authorization just to put on the tax roll \$596,144.12 onto the tax roll. The majority of this is special charges which is delinquent invoices for a little over \$34,000, the biggest being a demo of a house for \$15,274. Delinquent utility bills of \$406,336. This is up greatly from last year where we placed only \$305,000 on the tax roll. Then we also have delinquent Kenosha Water Utility bills. And then the last portion of this is special assessments. The regular paving, road construction, storm sewer as well as clean water, sewer TID and water for a total of \$142,741 for special assessments. So we're looking at putting on the tax roll \$596,144.12 which is up from last year by \$116,380.

Monica Yuhas:

Motion to approve Resolution 10-42.

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Michael Serpe:

Second.

John Steinbrink:

Motion by Monica, second by Mike. Further discussion?

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

These are big numbers here. It just blows my mind. Every year we go through this. Unbelievable.

YUHAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #10-42 AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF UTILITIES AND SPECIAL CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL; SECONDED BY SERPE; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

G. Consider an Award of Contracts to purchase loose equipment for the new Pumper Tanker Fire Engine.

Chief Guilbert:

Good evening. I'm Paul G. Guilbert, Jr. I'm the Chief of Fire and Rescue. I work at 8044 88th Avenue. This is a request for authorization to purchase loose equipment for the new pumper tanker fire engine that the Board previously authorized and is due for delivery this week. This request is consistent with the previous pieces of major fire apparatus that we purchased. The Village has used it as an opportunity replace equipment that in some cases is 20 or 25 years old or even older. At the same time, any equipment that we thought we would move from a vehicle going out of service and being placed onto the new pumper tanker the thought process has changed with the anticipation of Station 3 being built in 2012, and we're going to keep the fire engine that we were going to provide for sale as an additional reserved piece of equipment. Hence our request for this loose equipment.

We put together an RFP that encouraged multiple vendors to bid so we created a competitive bidding process. We contacted over 14 vendors some of which could compete for the same pieces of equipment but not all could provide the same equipment hence the large number. Bids were returned last week and were evaluated by myself and the Assistant Chief. And we've offered for your approval a number of vendors.

Before I read that we originally requested in the preparation of the 2010 capital budget \$141,980. We bought a piece of equipment, a portable water tank, earlier this summer. I attended a conference in Chicago and they had a show special. They offered a significant discount if we bought it at the show. We came back and looked at our records from 2005, and what we're paying for it in 2010 was less than what we paid for the same piece of equipment in 2005.

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So, again, the items total \$128,484.77, and because of the competitive nature that leaves a surplus of \$13,495.23. So the equipment that we're getting that will meet the needs as proscribed by the NFPA and the insurance company we were able to do that at less money than we originally requested.

So I'm asking the Board to approve Bendlin Fire Equipment of Milwaukee \$38,920.29; Interstate Electric, an electrical supplier here in Kenosha \$418; EMP, Emergency Medical Products of Waukesha \$288.25; 5 Alarm Fire & Safety of Delafield \$50,511.57; Gander Mountain of Kenosha \$59.98; General Communication of Menomonee Falls \$375; Grainger in Racine \$825.20; Jefferson Fire & Safety of Middleton \$11,857.39; Reliant Fire Apparatus Cedarburg \$17,133.59; Sears Kenosha \$881; Wisconsin DNR \$1,143; ZOLL Chelmsford, Massachusetts \$1,401.50; and some mounting hardware and fabrication needs that we can't predict until the vehicle gets here, and I've asked them to retain \$2,000 and if we spend less we'll return that.

Michael Serpe:

When is the new truck due, Chief?

Chief Guilbert:

We're picking it up Wednesday. In preparing this report for tonight I saw that we came to you at the same time five years ago for the equipment, because we anticipated delivery of the vehicle December 1st five years ago. This vehicle was ordered later and it was going to be delivered later, but because of the downturn in the economy Pierce Manufacturing has seen less fire engines being ordered and it's being delivered sooner. So we're actually getting it before the loose equipment.

John Steinbrink:

Judging by the list you've done your homework again, Chief. What did we buy from the Wisconsin DNR?

Chief Guilbert:

They offer a fire fighting foam which at an extremely competitive price, better than competitive because they buy it in such large quantities. And then we also carry on the major piece of the fire apparatus, some fire fighting equipment that is use for wild land fire fighting.

Clyde Allen:

I make a motion to approve the request for authorization to purchase this loose equipment.

Michael Serpe:

Second.

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John Steinbrink:

Motion by Clyde, second by Mike. Further discussion?

ALLEN MOVED TO AWARD CONTRACTS TO PURCHASE LOOSE EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW PUMPER TANKER FIRE ENGINE AS RECOMMENDED AND PRESENTED BY CHIEF GUILBERT; SECONDED BY SERPE; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

H. Consider an Award of Contract for replacement boat, trailer and rescue device for the Fire and Rescue Department.

Chief Guilbert:

Mr. President, this is a request by the Fire and Rescue Department for authorization to purchase a replacement rescue boat, a trailer and a rapid deployment device. We currently operate, since Lake Andrea became a public recreational area in the Village, we've operated a small rescue boat. It's an inflatable boat called the Zodiac. That is some 15 years old, and because of the rubber product it's made of it's just a natural deterioration and needed replacement.

We're looking to buy a newer version of that boat, a trailer, and a rapid deployment device which weights 50 pounds and compared to the boat when it's fully outfitted weighing some 300 pounds. This rapid deployment device would allow us to access areas remote from a highway such as our detention and retention ponds. If someone were on those bodies of water and got in trouble we could get rescue personnel onto that body of water much quicker.

For example, on September 20, 2009 we had an employee of the industrial park that got into one of the detention ponds. They went into distress and ultimately drowned. Our personnel actually jumped into the water and swam to where that person was last seen. This would afford them a little higher degree of safety and allow them to get that equipment out. So this is a combination of a boat that you would recognize and this rapid deployment device.

Again, we solicited from seven vendors. Those vendors are listed on page one. The bids were returned, and we're asking for \$21,142 for a Zodiac Mark 3 from MilPro Marine, Grand Rapids Michigan, and an Oceanid Rapid Deployment Craft from Atlas Outfitters in Pembine, Wisconsin at \$3,985. We're still working on securing bids for a motor. We're going to work with local dealers, and we're also seeking some assistance in a grant. So hence we didn't bring the request for the purchase of a motor before you tonight.

Michael Serpe:

Move to concur with the Chief's recommendation.

Steve Kumorkiewicz:

Second.

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John Steinbrink:

Motion by Mike, second by Steve. Yamaha doesn't handle these kinds of products.

Chief Guilbert:

They're one of the companies that we're looking to speak with.

John Steinbrink:

For the motor?

Chief Guilbert:

Yes.

John Steinbrink:

But they don't make a Zodiac type boat?

Chief Guilbert:

No, sir. But we needed to secure a bid and an authorization for the boat before we'd know exactly what kind of motor we were looking for.

John Steinbrink:

Motion and a second. Further discussion?

SERPE MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR A ZODIAC MARK 3 FROM MILPRO MARINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,142 AND AN OCEANID RAPID DEPLOYMENT CRAFT FROM ATLAS OUTFITTERS AT \$3,985.; SECONDED BY KUMORKIEWICZ; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

John Steinbrink:

Thank you, Chief.

Chief Guilbert:

Thank you, sir.

I. Consent Agenda

- 1) **Approve Bartender License applications on file.**
- 2) **Approve Christmas Tree License for DG Hardware, 4523 75th Street.**

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YUHAS MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2; SECONDED BY ALLEN; MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

9. VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS

Michael Serpe:

I've got one. While some of the Fire Department guys are here and the Chief is still here, last Saturday the Steak by Fire was to say the least an extreme success. Just a good time. I took part in the outside festivities of preparing some of the steaks and furnishing some of the soda pop to the cooks. But it was a very successful evening. I think if I'm not mistaken Chief, over 500 people?

Chief Guilbert:

Approximately that.

Michael Serpe:

Five hundred people, that's a lot of people. Everything was great. The food was super and the price was right and for a good cause.

Monica Yuhas:

I would like to say the last four years serving on this Board I've gone through four very difficult budgets, and every year it seems to have gotten more difficult to try and find that balance. The one thing that I've experienced in the last four years is that every department, every department head, every employee, administration the door is always open. I have spent countless hours with many of you, and you've allowed me to do that, shadow you for a day, spend time in your department, attend some trainings to give me a better perspective as to what you do on a daily basis and why when you do come to the budget working sessions we get a better idea as to what you're asking for. And it has helped me tremendously. It's helped guide me into making some very hard decisions.

And just like the rest of this Board I appreciate everything that the employees and department heads and administration does, because you make us look good. You give us the tools to make the right decisions, and I'm grateful for the opportunities that are allowed to me because your doors are always open. That's really important when you're in an elected position to know what goes on in every department and how everything functions. So thank you so much for keeping those doors open.

John Steinbrink:

Did you get to wear the suit yet for the dog training? Chief, line that up.

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Clyde Allen:

Well said and well put. I want to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving and have a very good turkey day.

10. ADJOURNMENT

SERPE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; SECONDED BY YUHAS; MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AND MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.